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LETTER DATED 27 DECEMBER 2000 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF CHINA, FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT CONCERNING SECURITY ASSURANCES IN CONNECTION WITH MONGOLIA'S NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE STATUS

Attached is the text of a statement by France, the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America concerning Security Assurances in Connection with Mongolia's Nuclear-Weapon-Free Status.

We would be grateful if you would issue this text as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and distribute it to all member states and non-member participants of the CD.

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Statement on Security Assurances in Connection With Mongolia's Nuclear-Weapon-Free Status

France, the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America,

Welcoming the declaration by Mongolia of its nuclear-weapon-free status,

Taking into account Mongolia's status as a non-nuclear-weapon state party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, as well as its unique geographic status,

Welcoming Mongolia's policies of developing peaceful, friendly and mutually beneficial relations with the States of the region and other States,

Confirm the following:

1. France, the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America reaffirm their commitment to Mongolia to cooperate in the implementation of UN General Assembly resolution 53/77D of December 4, 1998 with respect to Mongolia's Nuclear-Weapon-Free Status, in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

2. France, the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America reaffirm their commitment to seek immediate United Nations Security Council action to provide assistance to Mongolia, as a non-nuclear-weapon state party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, in accordance with the provisions of UN Security Council resolution 984 of April 11, 1995, if Mongolia should become a victim of an act of aggression or an object of a threat of aggression in which nuclear weapons are used.

3. France, the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America reaffirm, in the case of Mongolia, their respective unilateral negative security assurances as stated in their declarations issued on 5 and 6 April 1995 and referred to in UN Security Council resolution 984 of April 11, 1995.

4. The People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation recall and confirm the legally-binding commitments undertaken by them with respect to Mongolia through the conclusion of bilateral treaties with Mongolia regarding these matters.